



Iowa State University Department of Economics

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Department Highlights

[Rosenbloom attends NCWIT summit](#)

Joshua Rosenbloom, professor and department chair, attended the National Center for Women & Information Technology summit May 15-17 in Grapevine, Texas, as a member of their Social Science Advisory Board.

[Plastina research on switchgrass feasibility](#)

Newly published research by [Alejandro Plastina](#), assistant professor, examines converting underperforming areas in Iowa crop fields to switchgrass, which could help farmers decrease costs while potentially providing an economic benefit from a future bioenergy crop market.

[Jacobs in ANR staff spotlight](#)

Keri Jacobs, assistant professor, was featured in the latest ANR Extension Staff Spotlight.

[Zhang interviews on China tariffs](#)

Wendong Zhang, assistant professor, was interviewed for an Iowa Farm Bureau Spokesman story on the China soybean tariff.

[Hard for farms to produce enough to cut trade deficit with China: Hayes](#)

Dermot Hayes, professor, was interviewed in a May 17th Wall Street Journal article about how the White House is likely to fall well short of a plan to slash the U.S. trade deficit with China.

[Zhang: Land values hit bottom, moving higher](#)

Wendong Zhang, assistant professor, was interviewed for a story in Successful Farming at Agriculture.com about the recent survey results from the 91st Annual Soil Management Land Valuation Conference May 16 in Ames, Iowa.

[Interviews by Swenson](#)

David Swenson, associate scientist, had several recent media interviews on child care costs, rising fuel costs, and importance of retail.

[Spring 2018 Ag Policy Review now available](#)

The Spring 2018 edition of the Center for Agricultural and Rural Development's (CARD) Agricultural Policy Review is now available.



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